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I've been told this is where I can send comments regarding some new proposed code that would effectively ban the use of natural gas in new homes.

My wife had a baby during the massive snow and ice storm in January 2012. While we were at the hospital our house lost power. In spite of this, the hospital discharged them early because they needed the room. Thankfully, our home had a gas fireplace and water heater. The fireplace kept the main area of the house in the low 60s and the hot water kept things sanitary.

Our electricity was out for several days and had we gotten all of our energy from electricity we would not have had safe living conditions, particularly for a newborn baby.

We should not rely on a single energy source for our homes, particularly an energy source as prone to outages as electricity.

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